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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

August 18, 2010

The Honorable John Morton  
Director  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
500 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Director Morton:

I was recently briefed by ICE officials regarding Secure Communities. Given my current understanding I support the program and believe it can provide law enforcement with tools to assist in identifying and ideally removing criminal aliens when implemented and operated appropriately.

As the State of Colorado and a few county and municipal law enforcement entities consider whether to participate in the ICE Secure Communities Program, I believe it is in the best interest of everyone to understand the process.

During my briefing with ICE, I asked several questions regarding the internal audit process for data collection, privacy, and potential for abuse. I have several questions I would like detailed answers to:

1. How is the program audited?
2. Who has access to the audit once complete?
3. How is the data tracked?
4. How will you ensure data tracking transparency to help prevent abuse of the system, which would include racial profiling?
5. How many so-called "false positives" have been documented? What procedures are taken to correct these mistakes and minimize the occurrence of future false-positives?

I would appreciate this information as soon as possible. For further information on this request please contact Aaron Greco on my staff at [Aaron.Greco@Mail.House.Gov](mailto:Aaron.Greco@Mail.House.Gov) or 202-225-2645. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ed Perlmutter (CO-07)  
Member of Congress